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SUBJECT: FM CHRISTOPHIDES PROJECTS CYPRUS TALKS POSSIBLE IN
DECEMBER

1. DURING PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH AMB. LEONARD ON OCTOBER 12,
FM CHRISTOPHIDES SKETCHED A NOT PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR
RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS POSSIBLE IN DECEMBER. CHRISTOPHIDES
POINTED OUT THAT NOVEMBER WAS UNSUITABLE MONTH BECAUSE OF
CYPRUS DEBATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GREEK NATIONAL
ELECTIONS; WHILE LATE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WERE EQUALLY UN-
SUITABLE WITH THE CYPRUS ELECTIONS DOMINATING THE SCENE. THUS
THE FOREIGN MINISTER PROJECTED THAT A WINDOW OF RELATIVE
CALM WOULD OCCUR IN DECEMBER (WE PRESUME HE BELIEVES THE
DECEMBER UNFICYP RENEWAL WILL TAKE PLACE ROUTINELY) WHICH
COULD SERVE FOR A RESUMED ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS. CHRISTOPHIDES
SAID A RESUMED DECEMBER ROUND WOULD BE CONDITIONAL UPON THE
TURKISH SIDE PREPARING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE
NEGOTIATION AND IN THE MEANTIME TAKING STEPS OF A
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CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE TO INDICATE GOOD FAITH AS A NEW
ROUND IS LAUNCHED. CHRISTOPHIDES CONCLUDED THE
DISCUSSION BY REMARKING THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS
BEFORE HIS DEATH HAD ESTABLISHED CLEAR GUIDANCE
FOR THE GOC LEADERSHIP TO PURSUE THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS IN AS POSITIVE A VEIN AS POSSIBLE.

2. CHRISTOPHIDES THEN BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON HIS FORECAST
OF THE UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTIONS. HE SET FORTH HIS
OWN PARTIALITY FOR ONE CANDIDATE AND HIS PRONOUNCED
DISDAIN FOR ANOTHER AS REPORTED EARLIER BY
AMB. CRAWFORD.
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